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<i>Filing Date</i>	November 12, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Denis VINCENT
<i>Art Unit</i>	1742
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Harry D. WILKINS, III
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Group Art Unit 1742

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